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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is simply impossible to bring the whole of the Library here, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Then you must give the information here."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not bound to."

Transfer of satyagrahi prisoners to Rajahmundry from Palamcottah.

*189-A Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 59 youthful satyagrahis have been transferred to Rajahmundry jail from Palamcottah;

(b) if so, under what section of the Borstal Act or under whose orders, and for what reasons;

(c) whether a copy of the order, if any, will be placed on the table of the House;

(d) whether any arrangements have been made at Rajahmundry for Borstal treatment of those youthful satyagrahis and if so, what they are; and

(e) when the arrangements were made and at what cost?

A.—(a) to (e) In G.O. No. 5330, Law (General), dated 18th December 1930 (copy [a] placed on the table) the Government have declared a special enclosure in the Central Jail, Rajahmundry, to be a Borstal School under the Madras Borstal Schools Act for the detention of all adolescent offenders convicted for offences connected with the civil disobedience movement. The Inspector-General of Prisons has taken action under section 13 of the Madras Borstal Schools Act, 1925, for the transfer to the new Borstal school at Rajahmundry of satyagraha adolescent offenders previously detained in the two schools at Tanjore and Palamcottah.

Number, etc., of political juvenile offenders.

*189-B Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons are now kept in custody in the various Borstal schools;

(b) how many of them have been convicted for political offences, and if so, the date of conviction of each;

(c) the respective ages of such convicts;

(d) their educational or other qualifications;

(e) whether all or any of them are married, and if so, how many;

(f) whether the Sessions Judge of Nellore regarded the application of the Borstal Act to political juvenile offenders as illegal; and

(g) whether his judgment was referred to the Advocate-General for his opinion and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay his opinion on the table of the House?

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 532 infra.